Agreement with State Governments

597. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade small airfields in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total estimated cost of upgradation of each of these airports;

(d) whether some State Governments have agreed to enter into agreement with the central Government in upgrading these airports; and

(e) the details of State Governments who have agreed to the proposal and the details of State Government who have not agreed to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans to upgrade various airports in the country such as: Madurai and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) at an estimated cost of Rs. 99.25 crores and Rs. 42.00 crores respectively; Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) at an estimated cost of Rs. 253 crores; Surat (Gujarat) at an estimated cost of Rs. 49.50 crores; Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) at an estimated cost of Rs. 21.78 crores; Mangalore, Hubli and Belgaum (Karnataka) at an estimated cost of Rs. 55.26 crores, Rs. 15.00 crores and Rs. 15.00 crores respectively; Dehradun (Uttaranchal) at an estimated cost of Rs. 65.70 crores; Silchar and Dibrugarh (Assam) at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.93 crores and Rs. 69.52 crores respectively and Agatti (Lakshadweep Island) at an estimated cost of Rs. 5.50 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government of Gujarat and Government of Karnataka have agreed and signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AAI for Surat and Mysore airports respectively. Government of Karnataka have also agreed to sign an MoU for development of greenfield airports at Hassan and Gulbarga.

Shifting of ATR Flight Headquarters

598. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ATR Flights are meant for the North-Eastern Region;